

**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR
THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF PENNSYLVANIA**

NOTICE

Pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §2071(e), the judges of the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania, on March 17, 2003, approved the Standing Order of the United States Bankruptcy Court for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania adopting Procedures for Filing, Signing and Verifying Pleadings and Papers by Electronic Means (the "Bankruptcy Court ECF Standing Order"), effective April 1, 2003.

In order to implement the Bankruptcy Court ECF Standing Order, the judges of the District Court, also on March 17, 2003, approved Rule 5005 of the Local Rules of Bankruptcy Procedure, dated April 1, 2003, which reads as follows:

Rule 5005 *Filing by Electronic Means* -- Documents may be filed, signed and verified by electronic means in accordance with the procedures set forth in the Standing Order re: Electronic Case Filing, dated April 1, 2003, as it may be amended from time to time by the court. A document filed pursuant to this rule constitutes a written paper for the purpose of these Local Bankruptcy Rules, the Federal Rules of Bankruptcy Procedure, the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure, made applicable by the Federal Rules of Bankruptcy Procedure and §107 of the Bankruptcy Code.

All counsel are encouraged to participate in the Bankruptcy Court's Electronic Case Filing program. Those wishing to obtain copies of the Bankruptcy Court ECF Standing Order adopting Procedures for Filing, Signing and Verifying Pleadings and Papers by Electronic Means may do so by accessing the District Court's website at <http://www.paed.uscourts.gov>, or the Bankruptcy Court's website at <http://www.paeb.uscourts.gov>. Copies may also be obtained by writing to Joseph Simmons, Clerk of Bankruptcy Court, Robert N.C. Nix, Sr. Federal Building and Post Office, Suite 400, 900 Market Street, Philadelphia, PA, 19107-4299, obtaining them in person at the Bankruptcy Court Clerk's Office, or submitting a faxed request to the Bankruptcy Court Clerk's Office at 215-408-2992.

Those wishing to comment on proposed Local Rule 5005 or the Bankruptcy Court ECF Standing Order may do so by submitting their comments in writing to Michael E. Kunz, Clerk of Court, United States Courthouse, 601 Market Street, Room 2609, Philadelphia, PA 19106.

FOR THE COURT:

JAMES T. GILES,
Chief Judge

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**IN RE: Rule 5005 of the Local Rules of Bankruptcy Procedure,
*Filing by Electronic Means***

O R D E R

AND NOW, this 26th day of March, 2003, it appearing that this Court is vested with authority, pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §§2071(e), 2077 and Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 83, to promulgate Local Civil Rules not inconsistent with the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure and applicable statutes,

AND, it appearing that the judges of the court, on March 17, 2003, approved Rule 5005 of the Local Rules of Bankruptcy Procedure, implementing the Bankruptcy Court's Standing Order re: Electronic Case Filing, effective April 1, 2003,

AND, it further appearing that the Notice will be published in the legal publications of the nine counties which comprise the Eastern District of Pennsylvania, providing for an opportunity to submit comments on Rule 5005 of the Local Rules of Bankruptcy Procedure, implementing the Bankruptcy Court's Standing Order re: Electronic Case Filing, it is hereby

ORDERED that, in accordance with the Resolution approved by the judges of this Court on March 17, 2003, Rule 5005 of the Local Rules of Bankruptcy Procedure, implementing the Bankruptcy Court's Standing Order re: Electronic Case Filing, will apply to all bankruptcy cases filed in this district, and will read as follows:

Rule 5005 *Filing by Electronic Means* -- Documents may be filed, signed and verified by electronic means in accordance with the procedures set forth in the Standing Order re: Electronic Case Filing, dated April 1, 2003, as it may be amended from time to time by the court. A document filed pursuant to this rule constitutes a written paper for the purpose of these Local Bankruptcy Rules, the Federal Rules of Bankruptcy Procedure, the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure, made applicable by the Federal Rules of Bankruptcy Procedure and §107 of the Bankruptcy Code.

Therefore, this 26th day of March 2003, it is further

ORDERED that Rule 5005 of the Local Rules of Bankruptcy Procedure is approved and adopted, effective April 1, 2003. It is further

ORDERED that the Clerk of Court transmit a copy of Rule 5005 of the Local Rules of Bankruptcy Court to the Director of the Administrative Office of the United States Courts and the Judicial Council of the Third Circuit Court of Appeals and make said Rule available to the bar and public.

FOR THE COURT:

JAMES T. GILES,
Chief Judge

